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(57) Abstract: This invention relates to novel heterocycles which are antagonists at the melanin-concentrating hormone receptor 1 (MCHR1), also referred to as 11CBY, to pharmaceutical compositions containing them, to processes for their preparation, and to their use in medicines. Compounds of the invention have the formula: (I)

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This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  
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